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Man Charged With 6 Felonies for Police Chase in Which he Dangled Child from the Car

FULLERTON --- A Bell Gardens man who forced his estranged wife and their child into his car then led police on a high-speed chase through the streets of Anaheim has been charged with a host of crimes including kidnapping, child endangerment and terrorist threats.

At one point during the Aug. 19 chase defendant Carl Wayne Chavis (DOB 3-19-76) was seen dangling his 2-year-old girl outside the open door of his car. During the drive, Chavis beat his wife, would not let her put a seatbelt on herself or her child and threatened to shoot to death himself, his wife and their child.

Chavis is scheduled to be arraigned 9 a.m. Wednesday in Dept. N8 of the North Justice Center. He has been charged with six felonies: kidnapping, domestic violence, terrorist threats, child endangerment, evading arrest and possession of methamphetamine. He has also been charged with two misdemeanor counts of hit and run. If convicted on all counts, he faces a maximum of 14 years in prison.

Chavis originally kidnapped his estranged wife and child in Bell Gardens. The chase began in Anaheim, during which he was followed by four police cars and a police helicopter. He reached speeds of up to 90 mph and caused three collisions, including one involving a police car. He stopped when his badly damaged car quit running. Police ordered him out at gunpoint.

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